STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

The statement of receipts is extended in the following table:—

Mental Hospital.					Produce sold for Cash.	Value of Produce consumed.	Total.	
	- N				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland					1,045 8 0	2,978 1 4	4,023 9 4	
Christchurc	h				$2,859 \ 15 \ 6$	5,172 7 10	8,032 3 4	
Seacliff					3,281  7  4	$5,322\ 16\ 5$	8,604 3 9	
Tokitika					• •	786 14 6	786 14 6	
Nelson					353   5   9	1,605 11 0	1,958 16 9	
Porirua					$1.449 \ 11 \ 2$	3,230 11 7	4,680 2 9	
Fokanui	••	• •			1,598 12 8	638 6 10	2,236 19 6	
Totals			.,	10,588 0 5	19,734 9 6	30,322 9 11		

The purchases of stock do not include cattle or sheep bought for more or less immediate consumption, where we provide our own meat-supply. With regard to such stock a grazing-rate is credited to the farm and charged against the cost of meat. Where stock reared on the estate is taken to the abattoir the farm is credited with the value. We are now supplying meat at Seacliff, Sunnyside, Hokitika, and Tokanui, and successfully, as the patients are getting prime quality and the cost to the Department is less than it would be under contract. Even if it were a fraction more it would be justified by the uniform excellence of quality. Balance-sheets have been drawn up to demonstrate the year's work in this direction, and as they are interesting a sample (that furnished by Sunnyside) is reproduced hereunder. Here the sheep and cattle are purchased at the Addington Market and killed at the City Abattoir.

STATEMENT OF BEEF AND MUTTON TRANSACTIONS FOR 1918.

Christchurch Mental Hospital.											
On hand, 1st January, 1918—			£ s. d.	On hand, 1st January, 1918-	£ s. d.						
Beef, 1,264½ lb. at 4.96d			26 2 8	Beef	26 2 8						
Mutton, 288 lb. at 5.67d			$6\ 16\ 1$	Mutton	6 16 1						
On farm, 1st January, 1918-	£ s.	d.		Returned from abattoir during							
Cattle, 10 at £14 12s	146 0	0		1918-							
Sheep, 74 at 26s. 6·8d	98 6	ŏ		Beef, 160,572 lb. at 5.25d	3,513 19 1						
Cattle bought, 207 at £19 6s. 7·1d.	00 0	V		Mutton, 93,850 lb. at 4.87d.							
	4,001 5	6		matton, 55,050 15, at ± 614.	1,004 0 10						
	2,693 15	3									
Sheep bought, 1,668 at 32s. 3·6d	2,095 15	0									
Grazing on mental hospital farm—	<i>e</i> o o	4									
Cattle, at 4d. per day	62 9	4									
Sheep, at 4d. per week	90 13	6									
Abattoir charges—											
Cattle	61 5	0									
Sheep		6									
Cartage of beef from a battoir	$25 \ 18$										
Cartage of mutton from abattoir	17 12	<b>2</b>									
Proportion butcher's salary (£75+£75)	150   0	0									
Proportion incidentals at sales (50s.+											
50s.)	5 0	0									
Proportion upkeep of freezer (£50 + £50)	100 0	0									
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			7,549 6 10								
Less.			.,								
Cattle sold at auction, 3 at £16 7s. 6d.				•							
	49 2	6		} 							
(average) Sheep sold at auction, 20 at 33s. 9d	33 15										
On farm, 31st December, 1918—	00 10	v									
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	72 4	ì									
Sheep, 43 at 33s. 7d	472 16	7		, i							
Hides sold at auction, 188		6									
Skins sold at auction	796 12										
Hides on hand (20), valued at	40 0	0									
Skins on hand (20), valued at	7 19	6		•							
Fat sold (£62 3s. 11d. +£101 13s. 3d	163 17	2									
Fat sold after refining (half each)	276 1	7		·							
Fat, 2,203 beef and 2,202 mutton at 3d.											
—refined and made into soap at											
Mental Hospital	55 l	3									
Fat, 780 lb. beef and 780 mutton at 3d.											
-refined in Mental Hospital and											
used for baking	19 10	0									
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Cattle slaughtered, 208; average dressed weight, 771.98 lb.; average consumption per diem, 437.98 lb. Sheep slaughtered, 1,679; average dressed weight, 55.89 lb.; average consumption per diem, 254.38 lb, On hand, 1st January, 1919; Beef, 1,974½ lb.; mutton, 1,288 lb,